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SUBJECT: STATUS OF US MEMBERSHIP IN ILO

1. GENERAL UNION OF TUNISIAN WORKERS (UGTT) SECRETARY GENERAL HABIB ACHOUR ADVISED US THAT HE HAD RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL BLANCHARD APRIL 26 CONCERNING PAYMENT OF U.S. DUES TO ILO. BLANCHARD TOLD ACHOUR THAT U.S. CONGRESS HAD ORDERED SUSPENDED THE PAYMENT OF U.S. DUES FOR SECOND SEMESTER 1975 AND FOR 1976, AND HE ASKED ACHOUR TO INTERVENE PERSONALLY WITH AFL-CIO PRESIDENT MEANY TO HAVE THIS DECISION REVERSED. ACHOUR ASKED US FOR CONFIRMATION OF BLANCHARD'S REPORT BEFORE HE RAISED ISSUE WITH MEANY BY TELEPHONE.

2. EMBASSY OFFICER TOLD ACHOUR THAT ACCORDING TO LATEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US, THE U.S. WAS CURRENTLY IN ARREARS ON PAYMENT OF DUES TO ILO BUT THAT PAYMENTS FOR 1975 AND 1976 WOULD BE MADE, THAT ARREARS DO NOT EXCEED AT PRESENT TWO YEARS' DUES, AND THAT U.S. WAS NOT IN DANGER OF LOSING ITS VOTE IN THE ORGANIZATION PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE TWO-YEAR NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL
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3. ACHOUR WAS DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER BLANCHARD'S REPORT AND ANXIOUS TO RECEIVE LATEST INFORMATION ON STATUS OF U.S. DUES PAYMENTS. REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT PROVIDE US SOONEST WITH REPORT ON CURRENT STATUS TO PASS TO ACHOUR.

4. WE TOLD ACHOUR THAT SPECIAL ASSISTANT HOROWITZ AND OTHER STATE AND LABOR DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH QUESTION OF U.S. MEMBERSHIP IN ILO WOULD BE IN TUNIS MAY 2 THROUGH 7 AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM ON THIS ISSUE. ACHOUR WAS PLEASED AT THE OPPORTUNITY AFFORDED BY LABOR ATTACHE CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS ILO MATTERS WITH SENIOR U.S. OFFICIALS BUT STRESSED HIS URGENT NEED FOR INFORMATION.
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